

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested in light of the remarks which follow.

I. Claim Amendments

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 8. In particular, amended claim 1 recites that the biological membrane-enveloped structures are selected from the group consisting of cells, bacteria, virus particles, and organelles at a subcellular level.

Claims 8 and 17, which ultimately depend from claim 1, have been canceled.

Claims 7 and 16 have been amended to correct the phrase "selected from the group *comprising*" to "selected from the group *consisting of*," and to replace the term "or" with "and," in order to place the claims in better U.S. format.

In addition, several minor editorial amendments were also made to the language of claim 1 for clarity and consistency; these editorial amendments do not change the scope of the claims.

No new matter is submitted herein. These amendments have been made without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants reserve the right to file at least one continuation application directed to any subject matter canceled herein.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

As set forth on page 3 of the Office Action, and as clarified in the April 7, 2006 interview with Applicants' representative, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-10 and 12-19 (including of course claim 8) recite allowable subject matter.

As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 8.

Accordingly, the present Amendment should place the application in condition for allowance.

III. Response to Claim Rejections Under U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 was rejected as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,889,120 (Gordon).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 8. Furthermore, claim 8 was not included in the § 102 rejection.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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